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Attorney Docket No.: 43890-560  
**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Kunio KISHIMOTO, et al. : Customer No.: 20277  
Serial No.: 10/068,025 : Confirmation No.: 8924  
Filed: February 8, 2002 : Group Art Unit: 1733  
For: : Examiner: JOHN T. HARAN  
METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DRYING MATERIALS AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING CIRCUIT BOARDS USING THE SAME

**ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action  
mailed January 21, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to  
expire February 21, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the  
following Groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-14 and 26-35, drawn to a method for  
drying material when making a circuit board; and
- Group II - Claims 15-25, drawn to a dryer.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-14 and 26-35 for initial prosecution  
on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 15-25, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

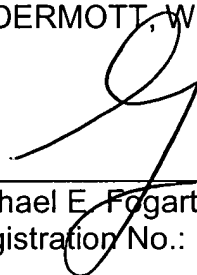
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